Clinical Affairs Committee  
Ellen Weber, MD, Chair  

MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 25, 2009  

PRESENT: Ellen Weber (Chair), Chris Barton, Christine Cheng, Darren Cox, Karen Dudestadt, Brad Hare, Amy Houtrow, John Maa, Conan MacDougall, Max Meng, Steve Pletcher,  

ABSENT: Shoshana Arai, Susan Janson  

GUESTS: David Morgan  

The Clinical Affairs Committee (CAC) was called to order by Chair Weber on February 25, 2009 at 4:35 p.m. in room S 30. A quorum was present.  

The Minutes from February 25, 2008 were approved.  

Chair’s Report  
Distinction in Teaching Awards  
CAC Member Conan MacDougall has been awarded the Academic Senate Distinction in Teaching Award  

Introduction of New Committee Analyst Alison Cleaver  

Faculty Exit Survey  
The Faculty Exit Survey committee met (xx date) and discussed xx  

Environmental Sustainability in Clinical Practice at UCSF (Attachment 1)  
Include dates in the requests (i.e. by xx date, we would like to see xxx)  
KD: Letter – start with broad statement, end with specific request about reducing paper in clinical practice.  

Report from the Health Care Work Group of the Sustainability Steering Committee – Christine Cheng  
Topics under discussion:  
- Pharmaceutical waste – a pharmacy waste process is underway, starting with a review of the formulary to determine which pharmaceuticals should go where  
- Reusable materials in clinical practice  

AH: did anyone from infection control weigh in? Possibly decreasing the amount of time waiting for test results could reduce the number of gowns (for example) used per day.  
SP: It would be good for infection control to weigh in on the line between disposable sterile items versus sterilizable reusable items.  
DM: Contact Robert Hunn to get someone from infection control to serve on the health care work group. Environmental sustainability may align with cost savings. One suggestion was to keep a supply of non-required items as the nurses’ station that are available upon request by the patients.
SP: Another representative for the Work Group could be someone from the Electronic Medical Records team – to help reduce the amount of paper used for reports.

The Health Care Work Group has a $10,000 budget. The Work Group decided to use the funds for education to help educate people at UCSF.

Another suggestion was to take gently used medical supplies from UCSF and send them to other countries for re-use.

EW: Need to create a central system to distribute information electronically to prevent wasteful duplicate paper reports.

CC: Should CAC adopt a specific topic? For example, reducing paper waste?

KD: Current interim gap makes the issue perplexing to decide how to approach the issue.

AH: Are there issues we’re ready to recommend?

EW: Could we create an opt-in/opt-out system for notifications of different tests or information in the system, a customizable system.

DM: CAC sees a need and then makes a recommendation to Mike Blum to suggest how the EMR should be designed.

DM: Based on the sustainability suggestions, excessive use of paper: we hope that UCare will help by creating an inbox for test results and other patient information and will also be customizable to either route patient information to ordering physicians or to a designated destination for review (possibility in the ordering process, ordering providers can ask for results to be routed to them or elsewhere). This will also facilitate faster communication of information – which may also facilitate further improved efficiencies.

EW: this will address the needs of Parnassus. What about the other locations?

BH: SFGH receive both electronic information and paper reports (much later)

CM: Tell the labs that electronic notification will suffice – paper not needed. What about their obligations to document that they’ve sent the information.

EW: Will check in with DG and HA to find out the CAC jurisdiction.

EW asked BH, KD and CB to check with people at SFGH about the issue of generating paper reports.

KD: The more efficient the system is before UCare is rolled out, the better the UCare system will be.

Reports from the Schools
Dentistry

Medicine – Brad Hare
Sam Hawgood will stay on as Interim Dean until the new Chancellor is in place.

Faculty titles.

Creation of a means to acknowledge clinician excellence.

Nursing

Pharmacy
New Business

Chair Weber adjourned the meeting at p.m.

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